

Commissioners sit down with techs

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Reid Raile was the spokesman for several of the emergency medical technicians which met with the county commissioners on Friday. His first comment concerned the statement made in *The Herald and Times* last week which said that some of the technicians were angry and emotional.

What matters, Mr. Raile said, is we have a group of volunteers who are passionate and caring.

The technicians, Mr. Raile said, met with Ryan Murray, county emergency manager, following a meeting where technicians met county commissioners as well as the Sherman County Commissioners and the Sherman County's emergency medical director. The meeting was called to discuss combining some of the emergency medical services.

At the meeting, it was also announced that Jannelle Bowers, county emergency medical director, had resigned but, as of the Friday meeting, no official resignation had been received.

Today, Mr. Raile said, we have come with a unified voice. We support there being an interim director for 6 months but, long term, we want a local director. We are not in favor of a merger with Sherman County, however, he said, in the future, we would consider this arrangement.

The technicians would like to recruit registered nurses who could help with transfers. There are several, Mr. Raile said, who have said they would help.

Concerning transfers and the hospital, he said, we need to work together. When an ambulance crew can't be lined up for a run, it is a delay of time. We need to provide a single point of contact to arrange transfers, whether it is local technicians, from Wray or Goodland.

The local emergency service will need to outsource the billing, as we don't have anyone on staff that can do it. We don't have anything against having Goodland do the billing but we feel the job needs to be bid out.

Quality assurance is important to us, he said. There are a few people at the hospital who know quality assurance but there is also our technician, Erika Zimbleman, who knows the process and has agreed to do it.

There is the on-call schedule and state requirements to deal with. The state wants the county covered at all times, so we will merge the Bird City and St. Francis services. We will have two technicians on call at all times.

Electronic charting was one of the issues that Duane Wright, Sherman County's emergency medical service director, said need to be implemented and in use by Jan 1. Mr. Raile said he had investigated and there are no definite state deadlines for implementing the electronic charting. However, the technicians want to pursue electronic charting.

Mr. Wright had sent the protocols used by Sherman County. At a prior meeting, he felt that the protocols used by Cheyenne County were not what they should be. Mr. Raile and other technicians had reviewed them and had some concerns. They will further study the protocols.

Mr. Raile has assumed the duty as liaison between emergency medical technicians, the community, commissioners and medical director. Now, he said, we need a leader. We don't know when Jannelle is stepping down and when Duane (Wright) will be here. We were wondering if Ryan (Murray) will be an acting director during this slice of time.

Mr. Murray was later appointed as the interim director.

With an interim director and, if Duane will be a consultant, it would buy us time until we get someone in as the director, Mr. Raile said.

"Our goal is to provide the highest quality of care to the citizens of Cheyenne County," Mr. Raile said. They will recruit and retain emergency medical technicians, which will lead to sustainability.

Mr. Raile asked about one of the sheriff's vehicles that will be available when they are replaced with new ones. It would be better to send a pickup instead of sending two ambulances to a scene. It also doesn't tie up two ambulances in case one is needed elsewhere.

I don't like the word merger, said Dale Patton, commissioner chairman. It makes people feel unimportant. Transition is a better word.

"I want Cheyenne County to be Cheyenne County," he said. "We need to maintain our own identity."

Brett Poling, commissioner, along with Mr. Patton, expressed their appreciation to the technicians and told them they were always willing to talk to them.

We want to be proactive, Mr. Patton said. Possibly hire two paid technicians. If we don't have the continuity, then things just don't flow.

Mr. Patton said he planned to continue the commissioners' talks with the Sherman County Commissioners. He also encouraged the emergency medical technicians to attend. The Sherman County Commissioners met on Tuesday and Mr. Patton, as well as some of the other commissioners, planned to attend.



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Petition filed; people should file defenses

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

EVERETT R. EGGERS, Deceased

CASE NO. 13 PR 01

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Adam Deeds, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executor of the Estate of Everett R. Eggers, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; and account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will and Valid Settlement Agreement be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Everett R. Eggers, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 16, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Petition has been filed in county district court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Diana S. Zimbleman, Deceased

Case No: 14-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Raymond W. Zimbleman, father and one of the heirs of Diana S. Zimbleman, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

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and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 7, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the city of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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